

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of April 28, 2006

PRESENT

George Boothby, LHRC Chair
Barbara Parker, LHRC
Bobby Howlett, Jr., LHRC
Lynette Jennings, LHRC
Stewart Prost, State Human Rights Advocate
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Steve Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Shawn Ware –Avant, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Program
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Stephen Griffith, Family Net
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center
Felix Johnson, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC
Douglas Ray, Franklin House
Rick Jackson, DePaul Behavioral
Medical Center

Chairperson George Boothby called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Monica C. Manley reported that LHRC member Mary Ann Jackson had called before the meeting to say that she would be unable to attend.

2006 Meeting Dates

The remaining 2006 LHRC meeting dates are July 28 and October 27.

Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost reported that although the Office of Human Rights has actively interviewed and selected an individual to replace Collette Ashiru, they are awaiting a final decision. He also reported that Mary Ann Jackson has been reappointed for a second term to this Committee and her appointment remains active until 2009.

Mr. Prost indicated that the revisions to the proposed Human Rights regulations still remain in the governor's office for approval and are posted on the Human Rights website for review. He reminded LHRC Committee members that there is a training tentatively scheduled for September 7 (reception) and 8 (conference) at the Holiday Inn Select in the Koger Center in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Prost stated that the event will

probably last from 8:30am to 4:00pm each day. The date is tentative secondary to the Human Rights Office waiting for the finalized regulations to be distributed.

Mr. Prost distributed and reviewed two important documents. At the advice of the State Human Rights Committee, he reviewed a memo and proposed bylaws which clearly indicated Local Human Rights Committee members must have a minimum of three individuals to be considered a quorum. In addition, he discussed the importance of committee members being able to recommend the removal of a committee member who has violated LHRC bylaws or the governing regulations or state laws. George Boothby clarified that the violations are related to the Committee and not to personal life. Mr. Prost agreed with his clarification. The LHRC moved, seconded, and approved the proposed changes as written in the draft of the bylaws regarding the expectations for a quorum and removal of Committee members.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 20 residents in their residential program and 2 clients in their day program. The one previous incident that was reported was investigated and found not valid. This period there were no restraints, complaints, or other Human Rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 83 patients in 9 substance abuse and regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 12 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steve Waranch reported they are serving 17 patients in intensive outpatient programs for substance abuse. There are two adult groups and one adolescent group. There have been no restraints, complaints, or human rights issues.
5. DePaul Behavioral Medical Center – No representative was present. No one called to report reason for non-attendance.
6. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are currently serving 30 adolescents in four group homes. He indicated there have been a few AWOLs and all of the residents returned within a couple of hours and no one remained away for longer than 24 hours. Mr. Prost reminded Mr. Sutton that in addition to incident reports, there must be an investigation with reports being sent to the Human Rights Office. Mr. Sutton was receptive. He reported there were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. He also introduced Ms. Shawn Ware-Avant as a coordinator who will be attending this meeting and being responsible for incident reports and investigations.
7. New Life – Nina Joyner reported they are currently serving 41 home-based clients within New Life. Mary's House has 5 clients. Sister's House has 2 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

8. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 141 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. In addition, she requested continued affiliation for the William Stallings project in which they are still seeking to purchase a house for the program. The LHRC moved, seconded, and approved the continued affiliation which will be reviewed during the October meeting.
9. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 65 families with in-home services and 14 clients in day support, as well as providing family care giving training for 10 clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Family Net – Stephen Griffith reported they are currently serving 17 clients in their intensive in-home program and 43 clients in their outpatient and substance abuse program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
11. Franklin House - Douglas Ray called and reported he was delayed by traffic and hoped to attend the meeting. He did not arrive prior to the meeting's conclusion.
12. The Barry Robinson Center - The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to licensing/human rights, and special treatment procedure utilization. In addition, the LHRC reviewed moved, seconded, and recommended to the State Human Rights Committee the continuation of the Structured Living Variance in the BRC residential programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.